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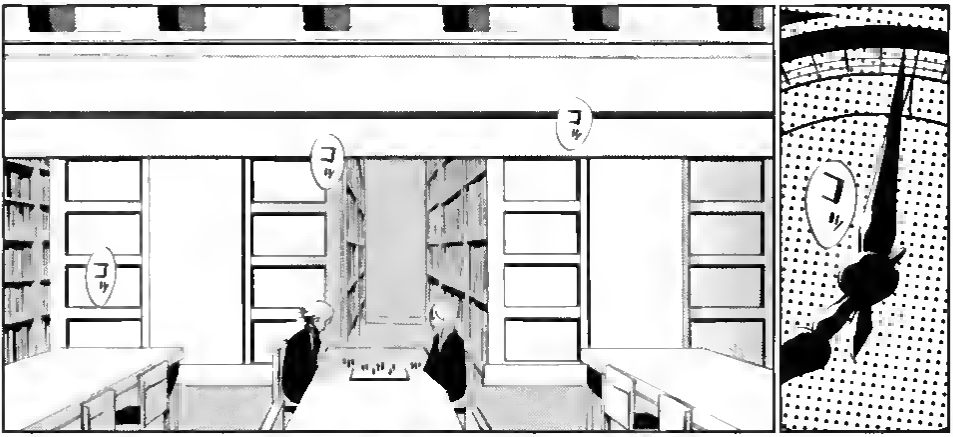
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One more round, Friday!
You're out of time. The University's gates are about to close.
You're paying tomorrow.
We'll have our rematch tomorrow.

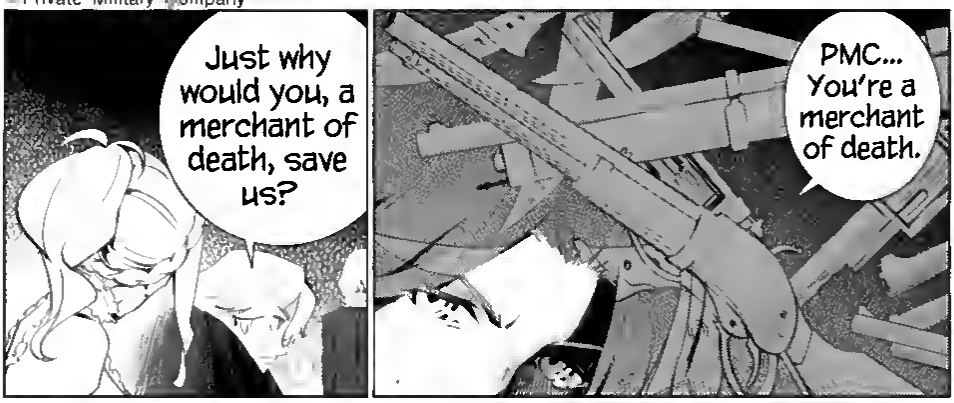
第3話

Hi
What kind of dream was it?

A scary dream ?
A sad dream ?

Yes, I'm sorry I didn't introduce myself. I am
an Agent of the Pinkerton Private Military Company.
Ms. Had-aly
...or so you call yourself.

* Private Military Company



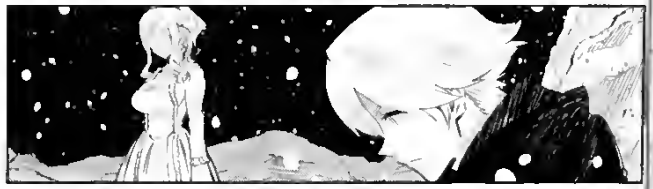
I heard that your official title is India's Viceroy's Private Investigation Unit
There's nothing wrong with me saving one of our VIP's subordinates, right?
Hey, boy.

ハッ
...Dreams, according to science,
is just your brain sorting through memories.
But why is it that people cry while dreaming?
Maybe that's because,
it's something granted only to the living.
I'm jealous of Mr. Watson.

Do you mean that merchants of death dont dream?
.....

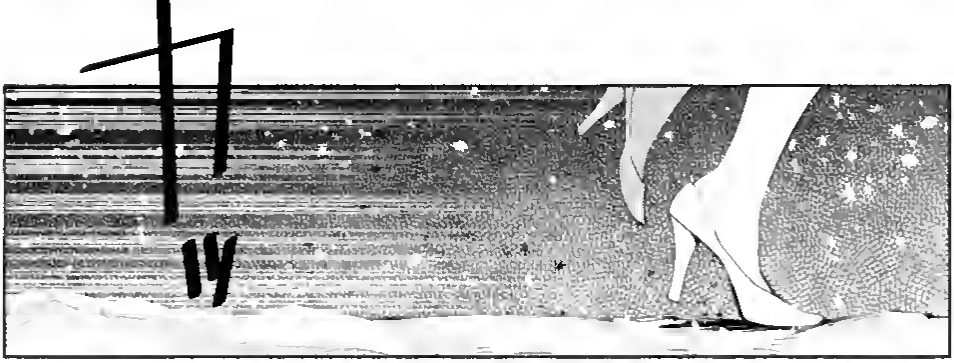
Hehe...

The results of your experiments.
How did it go?
Eh?



I want to have them too.
Dreams --

It's a failure.
We captured and dissected one of the newer corpse models that suffered very little damage,
But we couldn't get any information
It's unknown if the newer corpse models are
"corpses with souls."
It acted as if it was about to speak words, but
the high stress test to the human recognition system caused the corpse to destruct.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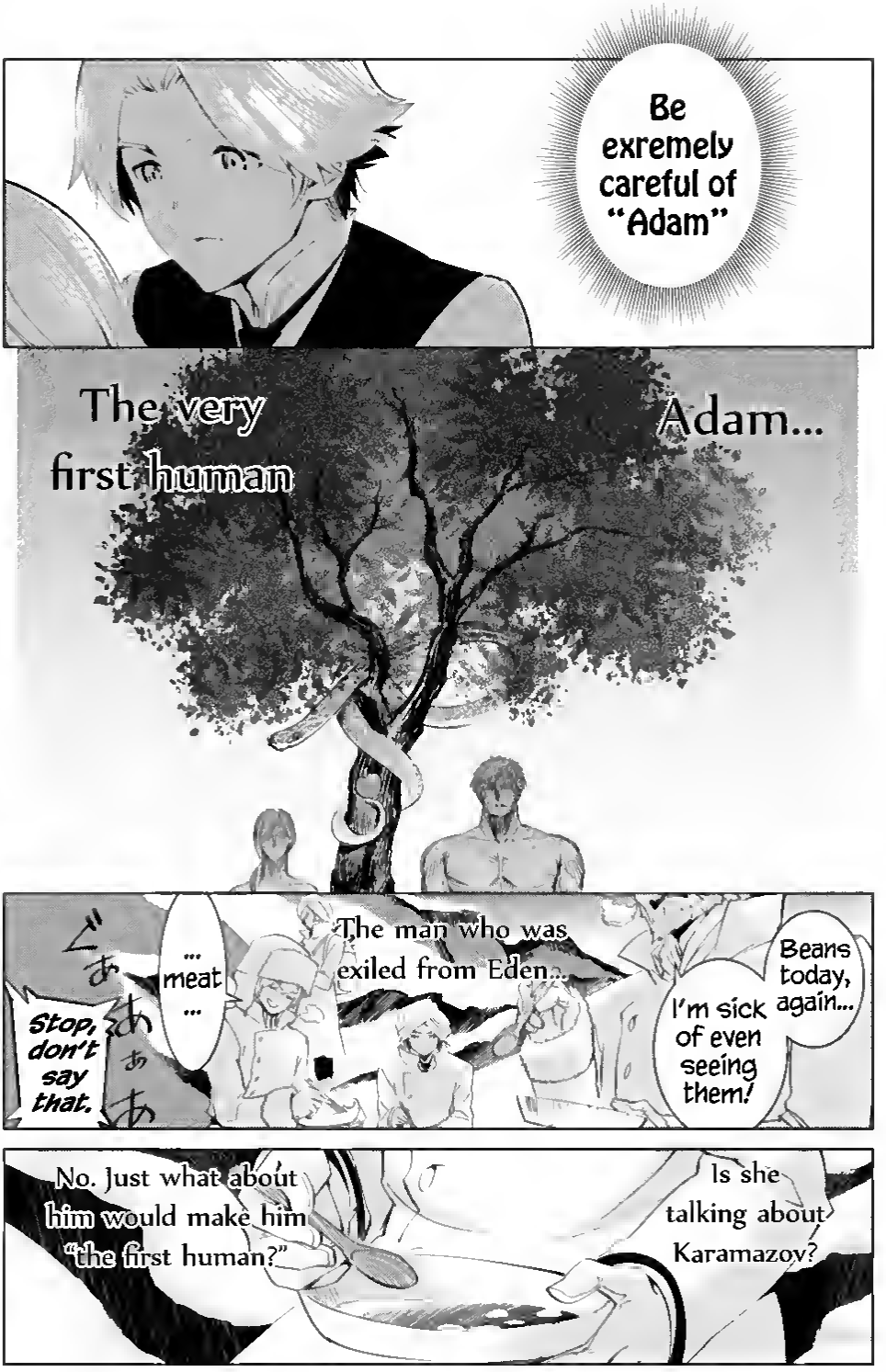
You and your investigative squad are headed to where the newer corpse models are living, right?
There are probably more clues there for your research
How-ever,
Let me give you a warning

You have to be extremely careful
of Adam.
Adam...?

You're leaving already?
Yes
I have my own duty I must fulfill, but
if you are going to continue with this journey, Mr. Watson...
then we will inevitably
cross paths again.


Be exremely careful of "Adam"
The very first human
Adam...
The man who was exiled from Eden...
...meat...
Stop, don't say that.
Beans today, again...
I'm sick of even seeing them!
No. Just what about him would make him "the first human?"
Is she talking about Karamazov?

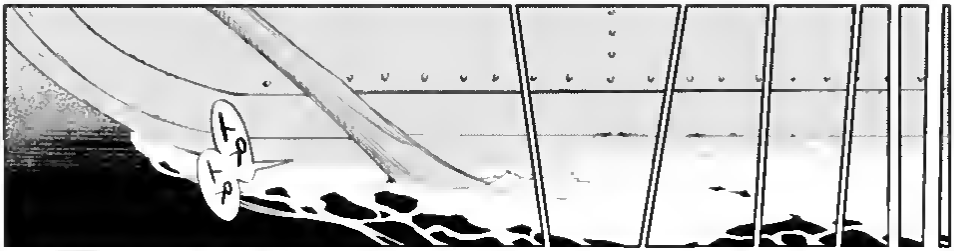
ガキーン
ガーン
カチャ
In order to regulate center of gravity against impact...
this code.
カチャ
ドサッ

You're installing a combat manual?
What's his name again?
That's a nick-name, right?
I'm asking about the identification code used to register the corpse to the country.
Friday.

TL Note: So it says name in Hiragana, but I used "nomenclature" to better fit with the kanji

ピーッ
Installation complete.
Come, Friday.
Names don't really matter, do they?
As long as you can tell the corpses apart.

Ah?
I have an aquaintance who loves corpses.
Well,
it's not like I don't understand him.
I would not want him to not call me by my nickname.
If I am going to become a corpse, then
To not?
Would not?
Huh?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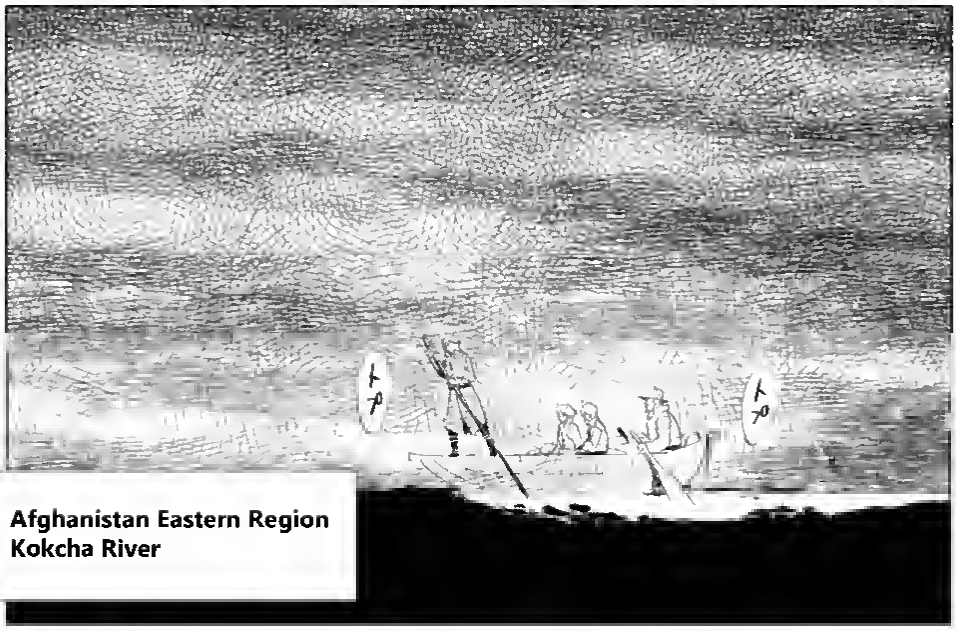
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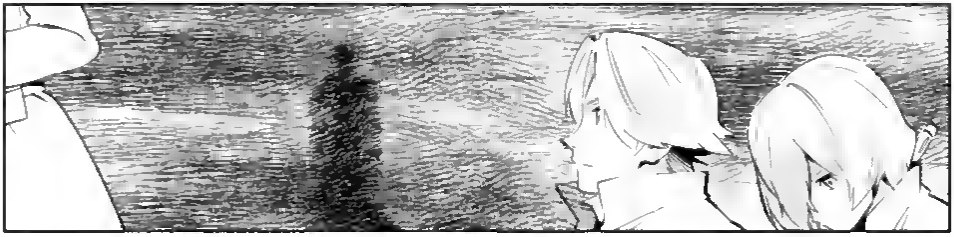

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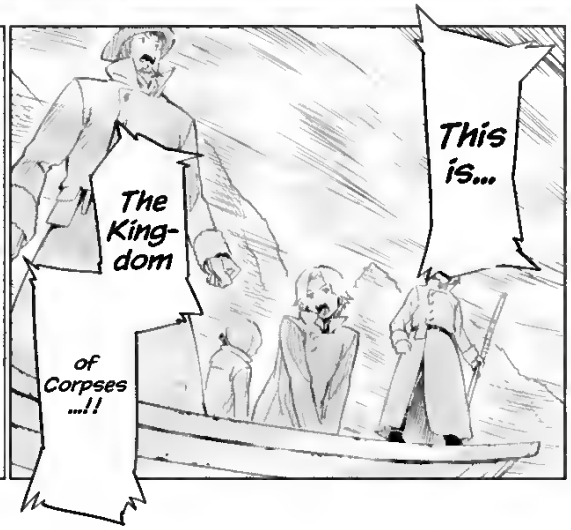
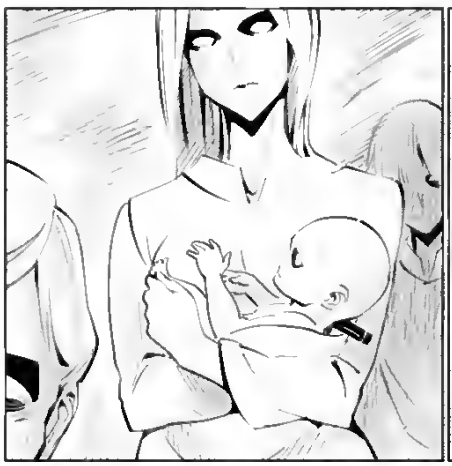
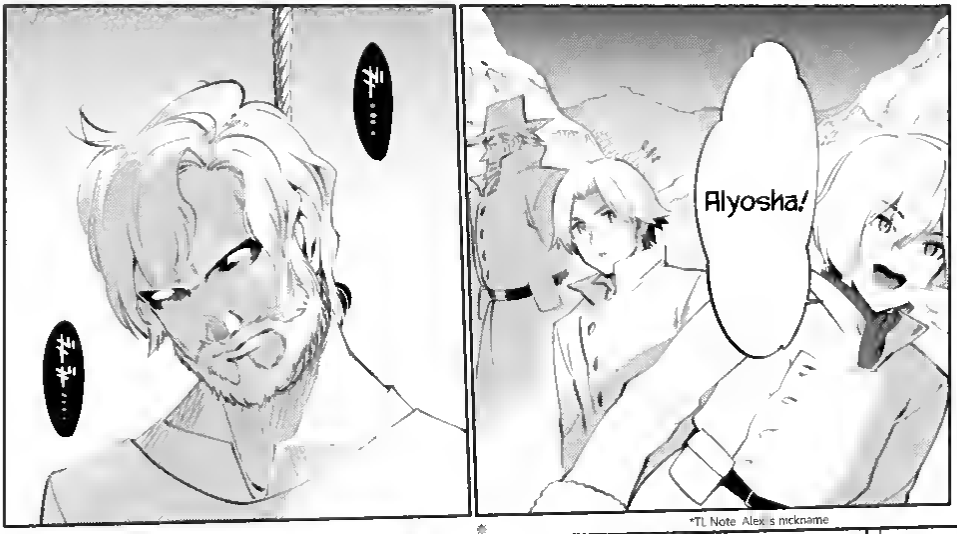
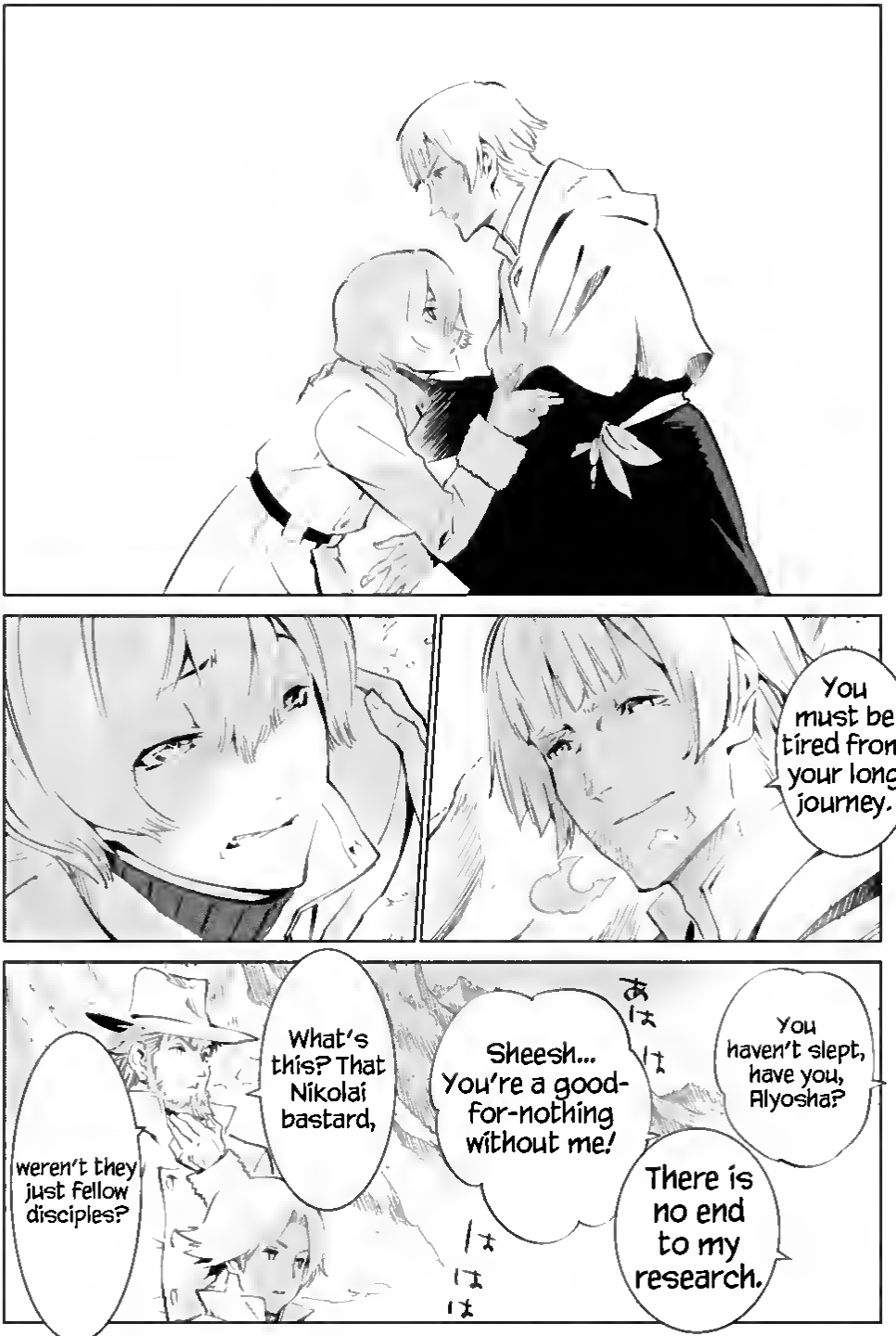

This is...
The King-dom
of Corpses ...!!





*TL Note: Alexis's nickname

*TL Note: Nikolai's nickname


You must be tired from your long journey.
You haven't slept, have you, Alyosha?
There is no end to my research.
Sheesh... You're a good-for-nothing without me!
What's this? That Nikolai bastard,
weren't they just fellow disciples?

Alexei Karamazov...
So that's the genius corpse professor
.....
He has his own unique plug-in installed.
Is he a newer British-made corpse model?
As expected of the Russian corpse technology genius
To think you can tell just from looking.
Correct.
The Rumyantsev librarian,
and our master, Fyodor,
are distraught by your betrayal of the Russian Empire.

Kolya... I am thankful for our friendship.
I am well aware of the situation.
Thank you.
スッ
I have a letter from your family.
Additionally,
The contents of this letter is most likely your "final warning."
ﾌﾞﾙﾙ
Your family is headed here on the "orders" of the empire.

Is me.
Their objective

Is it an assassination order...?

Our great Empire is also looking unpleasantly at this situation
Now hand over the hand-book.
GRACK
If you don't... You under-stand?

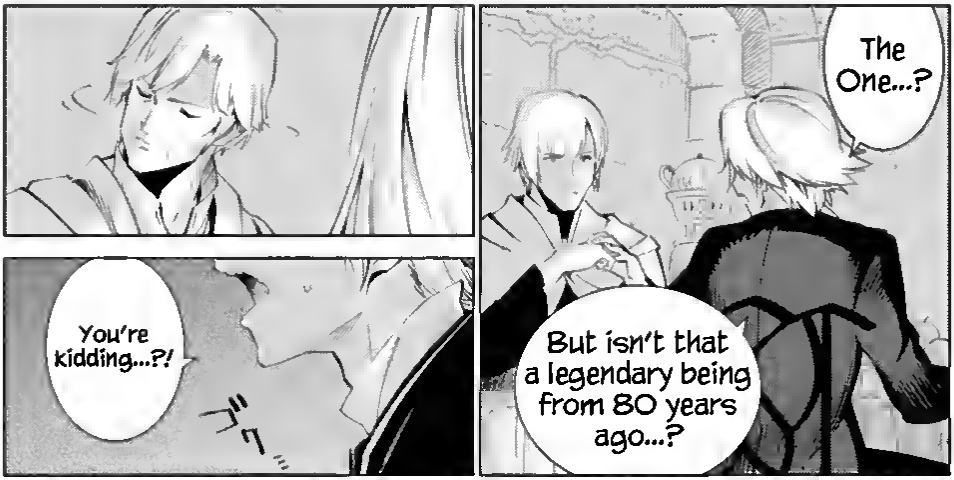
I will not hand it over!
To spread the information about the newer corpse models
will lead to the endangerment of the world!!
ガタッ
The living who pursue their greed without boredom...
Just what kind of...
I am fearful of the living.

Alyosha.
--isn't that right?
On the contrary, corpses have no thoughts nor greed.
As long as there is a morally upright person who can manage the corpses, then the corpses will make the world a better place
If we can make a deal,
If you will listen to what I have to say until the end,
then I will tell you the location of the handbook.
Let's hear his story, Captain.
With that, the mission's complete.
It would be faster if I beat him to a pulp...

Professor Karamazov.
Just why did you bring all the corpses with you and migrate to this land?
It was unexpected that you would move according to the orders of the British.
However, there is something I don't understand.
You don't know?
All I did was follow in his footsteps.
His ...?

Led by one man.
a group of corpses migrated to this land,
Once, 40 years ago,
He has no name.
Who is he?
None ...?
we called him by a special code name.
However, among us,
People called the man "Frankenstein's Monster."

The One.



*TL Note: The kanji for "The One" in this panel reads "Legend." So here: The One = The Legend

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